

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Office Action mailed January 27, 2006 has been carefully considered.
Reconsideration in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claim Objections

In paragraph 1 of the Office Action the Examiner objected to Claims 20 and 25 on the grounds that Claim 20 depends from itself and Claim 25 depends from Claim 20. The claims have been amended to overcome these objections.

In paragraph 2 of the Office Action the Examiner objected to Claims 1, 27 and 31 based on certain informalities. The Applicants have amended the claims to overcome these objections.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

In paragraph 5 of the Office Action the Examiner rejected Claims 15, 19, 22-24, and 26-27 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Applicants have amended Claims 15, 19, 26 and 27 to overcome the rejections.
Applicants have canceled Claim 22.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

In paragraph 6 of the Office Action the Examiner rejected Claims 9-10 and 21-23 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by French. Applicants have amended their claims to overcome the rejection.

Claim 9

Applicants have amended Claim 9 to recite that the first tower bracket comprises a plurality of ports located to correspond to a plurality of holes in a flange of a tower section. (For example, in Applicants' Figure 12 these holes are ports 88.) On the other hand, French neither teaches nor suggests this claimed feature. The Examiner included a marked up copy of Figure 4

of French and indicated that French's feet 70 correspond to Applicant's claimed tower brackets. The Applicants disagree with this characterization of French's feet 70; however, assuming for the purpose of discussion that the Examiner is correct, it is clear that neither French's feet 70 nor any other structure in the French device is even similar to Applicants' claimed first tower bracket comprising a plurality of ports located to correspond to a plurality of holes in a flange of a tower section. In fact French does not even teach a tower having a flange; rather, the French device is used with a container 60 which does not have flanges.

Claim 21

Applicants have canceled Claim 21.

Allowable Subject Matter

In paragraph 7 of the Office Action the Examiner allowed Claims 1-6, 11-14, 16-18, and 28-30.

In paragraph 8 of the Office Action the Examiner stated, "Claim 31 is objected to as containing a minor informality, but would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the informality." The Applicants have amended Claim 31 to correct the informality.

In paragraph 9 of the Office Action the Examiner stated, "Claims 15, 19, 22-24, and 26-27 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims." Concerning Claims 15 and 19 - - Claims 15 and 19 depend indirectly from Claim 12 and the Examiner has allowed Claim 12. Accordingly Applicants believe it is not necessary to amend Claim 15 or 19 to include the limitations of Claim 12.

Concerning Claims 22-24 - - Applicants have amended each of those claims to include the limitations the Examiner requires. Likewise Applicants have amended Claim 25 to include the limitations of Claim 21.

Concerning Claims 26-27 - - Applicants have amended each of those claims to include the limitations the Examiner requires.

37 CFR 1.116

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner enter this Amendment under 37 CFR 1.116 and MPEP 714.12 because it places the case in condition for allowance.

The Restriction Requirement

Applicants include with this Amendment a copy of the Petition filed with the Petition's Branch under 37 CFR 1.144.

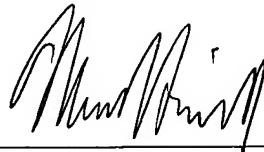
Conclusion

It is believed that this Amendment places the above-identified patent application into condition for allowance. Early favorable consideration of this Amendment is earnestly solicited.

If, in the opinion of the Examiner, an interview would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the number indicated below.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. Please charge any additional required fee or credit any overpayment not otherwise paid or credited to our deposit account No. 50-1698.

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